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Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified patent application is an Amendment.

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AMENDMENT

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SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed on November 27, 2000, the three-month date for which expires on February 27, 2001, please reconsider the above-identified application based on the following:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1, 18, 20, 37, 39 and 56 without prejudice.

REMARKS

To facilitate matters, claims 1, 18, 20, 37, 39 and 56 have been canceled without prejudice, and therefore claims 2 to 17, 19, 21 to 36, 38, 40 to 55 and 57 to 82 are now pending. In this regard, Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of the canceled claims in another application, as may be appropriate.

Applicants thank the Examiner for allowing claims 2 to 17, 19, 21 to 36, 38, 40 to 55 and 57 to 82.

With respect to paragraph two (2) of the Office Action, claims 1, 20 and 39 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by the Fogel reference, U.S. Patent No. 6,008,865. With respect to paragraph four (4), claims 18, 37 and 56 were rejected under 35